## REMARKS

Claim 8 is objected to for not showing the changes made in the previous amendment. The omitted changes to the original claim 8 are shown above and claim 8 is again labeled as "currently amended" since the applicants presume that the previous amendments to claim 8 have not been entered.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under various statutes based on cited references Yonemoto et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,298,239, hereinafter "Yonemoto"), Mysore (U.S. Patent Number 6,304,558), and Lynk et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,298,239, hereinafter "Lynk"). Respectfully disagreeing with these rejections, reconsideration is requested by the applicants. Nonetheless, the applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 11 to more clearly express the invention and to address some of the unintended interpretations expressed by the Examiner; however, the claims have not been amended to narrow their scope.

Claim 18 recites "determining if another request to communicate has been received from another host on the network and if another request to communicate has been received then **arbitrating the requests** so that the arbitrated request is transmitted to one or more receiving hosts wherein **one host at a time is allowed to transmit communications to the other hosts**." The applicants do not see where the Examiner asserts that the cited art teaches arbitrating in the sense expressed by claim 18. For example, the applicants did not find the office action to specifically address the individual claim elements of claim 18. Rather it appeared that some aspects of claim18 were addressed generally with respect to other claims, but the applicants did not find a specific, element-by-element discussion of the basis for rejecting claim 18.
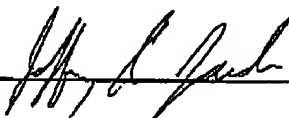
Therefore, believing claim 18 to be novel and patentable over the cited art, the applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 11 to more closely follow the language of claim 18. Again, the applicants do not see where the Examiner asserts that either Yonemoto, Mysore, or Lynk teach arbitrating in the sense expressed by claims 1, 11 and 18. Claim 1 recites "arbitrating comprises **selecting one transmitting host, from a plurality of hosts** from which the dispatch call server receives transmissions,

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that is allowed to transmit the IP communications to the other hosts of the group". Claim 11 recites "arbitrating comprises **selecting one transmitting host, from the plurality of transmitting hosts**, that is allowed to transmit the IP messages comprising voice communications to the other hosts of the network". The applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to specifically address how the cited prior art supposedly teaches the arbitrating functionality recited.

Since none of the references cited, either independently or in combination, teach all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 11, or 18, or therefore, all the limitations of their respective dependent claims, it is asserted that neither anticipation nor a prima facie case for obviousness has been shown. No remaining grounds for rejection or objection being given, the claims in their present form are asserted to be patentable over the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance and issuance of this case is earnestly solicited.

. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, if such communication would advance the prosecution of the present application. Lastly, please charge any additional fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502117 – Motorola, Inc.**

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